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MISCELLANEOUS

hat is to be done with able-bodied pa? The Quebec folks are proposing to lop the "heroic treatment" of "Root, or die."

the gossip about that poor foolish woman, Laugtry, and her attendant caterpillar, goes on. It shows the wretchedly cold and frivolous state of certain sections of society that such a thing should be the case there never been a silly woman before brainless masher?

son, formerly editor of the *Toronto Herald*, who is about to emulate Verne's Tour Round the World, by a tour to China, Siam and Japan, in the interest of the Foreign Fair Association, of London, who propose holding an exhibition of great scale, of foreign produce, next September. As no United States produce manufactures can be exhibited, this will be a good chance for Canada to come to the front.

Gambetta is a sensible man in getting his son's body away from the Pantheon, the boulevards, and the fuss and fustian with which Paris abounds. He knows that any man who has been buried with honor should be disinterred with infamy and has wisely arranged that his son's remains shall be laid in a place where they are unlikely to be disturbed whatever may be the changes and overturnings of coming years. The popular idol of to-day so often

The Duke of Manchester's Land Company being defended with more or less energy, it is just as well the poor dead body should not occupy too prominent a position.

It is not with a great amount of success. It is very well to say that people are buying lands at the high prices asked. That is very true, and that for the best of reasons that they can't help themselves.

A retired naval officer writes from Plymouth: "I am happy to say that I have

ver been vaccinated myself, nor have any of my children—four in number, the eldest now nearly fourteen years old. I have a fear of their catching small pox—or, indeed, any other disease—as long as they get judicious amount of good food and plenty fresh air. I have paid much attention to scases in all parts of the world, and I have ways found they have a cause, and that until the cause is removed it is in vain to treat over effects. It is amusing to hear

tors talking of stamping out London smallpox by vaccination, when they know as well as I do that there are streets in London crowded with inmates in rooms almost as fetid as the Black Hole of Calcutta. How is it possible to stamp out smallpox so long as such quarters exist? *We know* it cannot be done, and *the doctors know* it cannot be done; and further, they know and we know that if it were possible to provide wholesome houses, well drained and well

The Milwaukee horror may well make the authorities of every city on the continent bestir themselves, for there is not a single place of any size from this to the Gulf of Mexico which has not some such intruder as that which has secured in this case such a painful notoriety. How many

the hotels in Canada of any size would much better than the one in Milwaukee a fire once got head way? Not so very many as some would imagine. How many stories? Any one who has gone up the miserable contracted stair-ways that lead to the working places of hundreds can tell. How many churches even could give a good account of their means of exit supposing a panic were to arise? How many schools, especially Sunday ones? We do not

...that things are as bad as they were with the first story coffin of Milwaukee, but they are bad enough in all conscience and a movement in the way of remedy be not needily set about some will be grievously to blame. Surely a word to the wise is enough. Yes, but the misery is that so many are *not* wise, and that so many are so short-sightedly selfish, that a great deal more than a word is necessary to make them move in any scheme which in-

The 25th of January is at hand, when the memory of the great national bard of Scotland will, of course, be toasted in potatoes as little deep as usual. Might it not be an improvement to give the weary world a rest from the shrill scran-and-piping which on that day has to such an extent to pass muster for eloquence? The way poor Burns is every year be-drivelled and be-

Unken is enough to make his bodlesh in the grave. Or, if the bones themselves have disappeared, it is enough to make his very *ur* rise in solemn protest. Every poor thirsty soul who has a taste for, and is so at a judge of good whiskey toddy, has on that great natal day a chance of getting a goodly allowance of the barley brees, and at the same time get credit for literary taste and for a profound admiration of all that is best in Scottish genius, and all that is loftiest in the Scotch character. It gives a cool

...telling of a Scottish emigrant, a Glasgow
 house-debauch quite an aroma of respect-
 ability to have it associated with some great
 occasion, some popular saint or some un-
 doubted genius, and no mistake. Many
 will on the 25th that is coming, as on many
 that have passed, comfort themselves with
 the idea, that Robert Burns liked the
 oddy, and so do they, and, therefore, that
 they may clearly conclude that they are
 kindred spirits with the mighty peasant
 who did only be honest for

The vexed question about exemption from taxation, for this, that, or the other reason, will soon be set at rest till the exemptions themselves disappear. And why shouldn't

Why? There is no possible benefit to be derived from such things which will stand a moment's consideration; they are only evil, and that continually. They belong to the worst and least defensible kind of charity while they make those who are thus favored the worst and most offensive kind of paupers. And the impudence of the exempt classes becomes something marvellous. Why should the poor man pay the taxes of judges and lawyers? Men with three and four and even ten dollars a year boldly claim

by law they are entitled, to have the use of all municipal conveniences, for which somebody has to pay, without money and without price. The whole system in every detail is a rotten one. It is based on falsehood, and carried out in every case with high-handed injustice. The history of these assumptions is a very significant one, and in the end has resulted not in the interest of the exempted. In the meantime, TRUTH cannot but specially remark on the match-making within all themselves.

effrontery of those who have ministers of Christ forcing poor widows and lustrous mechanics to pay, not only their taxes, but a share of those of other people as well. They might as well expect that the city should supply them with sugar and tea for nothing, as that it should give them the use of the streets and the protection of the police without their being asked to pay their fair share of the outlay. The old thing, in short, is a piece of cruel, base, unchristian injustice as mean as it is

righteous.

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